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SITE UPDATE

# New Bedford Harbor Site

## New Bedford, MA

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**THE SUPERFUND PROGRAM** protects human health and the environment by investigating and cleaning up often-abandoned hazardous waste sites and engaging communities throughout the process. Many of these sites are complex and need long-term cleanup actions. Those responsible for contamination are held liable for cleanup costs. EPA strives to return previously contaminated land and groundwater to productive use.

### SITE DESCRIPTION:

EPA's subtidal dredging program in the Upper Harbor is nearly complete. We anticipate all subtidal dredging will be complete during the first quarter of 2020. The remainder of the cleanup will focus mainly on the shoreline areas of the Upper Harbor marked in pink on the map (backside of this sheet); this work will occur over a series of years depending on funding levels available to EPA.

### NOTIFICATION OF DREDGING ACTIVITIES:

EPA's goal for community involvement is to provide the public with accurate, timely, accessible, and understandable information about the project as it moves forward.

In mid-September, contractors began performing dredging activities in New Bedford Harbor (Acushnet River) north of the Coggeshall Street bridge. The work is being directed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under an interagency agreement with U.S. EPA. The dredging is related to the ongoing cleanup of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund site. The objective of the dredging activities is to remove sediments which have been contaminated by uncontrolled releases in the past. Material dredged from the areas of the river (marked with textured brown color on map)

will be barged under the Coggeshall Street Bridge and I-195, then placed in the Lower Harbor CAD Cell.

Dredging hours will generally be from 6am to 6pm, Monday through Saturday. The areas which will be dredged are shown (in brown) in the figure.

A long record of air and water quality monitoring shows no human health concerns or environmental risks related to the dredging. EPA will continue to monitor air and water quality during these dredging activities to ensure no risk is being posed to human health or the environment.

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